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MILTON HENRY RETURNS TO DEFEND RIOT VICTIMS

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THE HONORABLE MILTON R. HENRY, SHOWN HERE WITH THE LATE AL HAJJ MALIK SHABAZZ(MALCOM X) WILL RETURN TO SAGINAW THIS WEEK TO DEFEND OUR BROTHERS, WHO FELL VICTIMS OF THE POLICEMEN'S RIOT, HERE LAST JULY. MR. HENRY, ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT CRIMINAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYERS IN THE NATION TODAY, IS ALSO AN EX-ARMY OFFICER AND FIGHTER PILOT(WWII), A GRADUATE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, AND A GRADUATE OF YALE UNIVERSITY'S LAW SCHOOL. HE IS A FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN FOR PONTIAC, MICHIGAN AND A BLACK MAN WHO IS KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

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NEW CAC DIRECTOR IN SAGINAW RESIGNS

Rev. Ben E. Cox, who was just recently elected Saginaw County CAC director, in October of this year, submitted his resignation Tuesday at a special CAC meeting.

Rev. Cox, who was recommended by the Chicago office, had taken over the vacant post of CAC director and expressed a desire to help the poor people of Saginaw. Since his arrival here in the city, he had met with local community groups in a united effort to improve the poverty program in Saginaw county.

Prior to his resignation in the special meeting, Rev. Cox had called a meeting with his staff and told them that "I will not be dictated to by any power structure". It is rumored that the power structure which has sounded the death knoll of the local CAC program, had planned to make the new director look bad, by the sudden resignation of executive board members. It is rumored that the director beat them to the punch.

In a long distance conversation with Rev. Ben E. Cox, AFRO reporters were told by Cox, that "he refused to be used or dictated to. He was hired to do a service for the poor people of Saginaw". He also said "the chairman and the director don't count-it's the poor people who need the program. It is these poor people who will suffer most if 5 or 6 guys who are trying to run the county are permitted to ruin or kill the CAC program here." He stressed that the poor people should try to save the program for it is our tax monies which are being used.

OPEN MEETING _ SUNDAY NOV. 12, 1967

There will be an open meeting, this sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. which concerns all Black Citizens of Saginaw County. The meeting will be held at the St. Rita's Training Center, 2302 Narloch St.

A lot of questions will be answered for example:

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INSIDE STORIES

INSIDE CITY HALL

CITY FATHERS ATTEMPT TO EVADE SLUM HOUSING ISSUE WITH SPEEDY LAW

On monday evening, Nov. 6, the city council attempted to quickly pass a mandatory inspection of rental dwellings ordinance, rather than enforce the present housing code statues already on the books.

The city fathers in their haste to sell the citizens of Saginaw a bill of goods with this empty ordinance, had the audacity to schedule the public hearing and the vote for passage of the ordinance on the very same night.

A large number of citizens were on hand to witness this "legislative comedy", with several slum landlords in attendance. Of the approximated number of 558 or more landlords in the city of "Saginaw" only a few verbally protested the "weak" ordinance.

Also included in the total number of landlords in the city, are some of the city fathers themselves.

Presently rental dwellings are inspected once every three years and will be spot checked by city inspectors only if complaints are received. The reason that the hastily proposed rental inspection ordinance has not been protested by more of the city's landlords is because there are so many ways that they can get around the empty law or ordinance. For example, landlords and slumlords obtain temporary waivers on necessary repairs to their dwellings, in which there is no time limits set in the ordinance on the periods of waivers for repairs. Secondly, city housing inspectors can aid landlords and slumlords in legal suits for alleged tenant damage. The poor tenant will be at the mercy of the city inspectors and ruthless landlords, also to avoid the mandatory inspection, slumlords can sell substandard and rundown houses to tenants on a land contract and "as is" whatever the condition. This common practice in Saginaw is known as "RENTING WITHOUT MAINTENANCE".

Citizens of Saginaw, do not be deceived by this legislative trickery or "tomfoolery on the part of the city council. They have shown they are not sincere in solving the problem of SLUM HOUSING by not enforcing present housing code ordinances.

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FLINT PASSES UNIQUE OPEN HOUSING LAW

Mayor Floyd McCree the only black mayor of a U. S. city with a population over 200,000, threatened to resign last August when the City Commission turned down his demands for open housing. Mayor McCree did not quit encouraged by his friends and supporters who rallied to his side, he stayed and fought. Two months later, the Flint City Commission narrowly approved an open housing ordinance which was conditionally passed 5 to 4. Commissioner Alton Smith, the man who provided the swing vote said, "Discrimination is not an American right", after he cast his vote for the new law

LEROI JONES, DISRUPTS COURT IN JERSEY

LEROI JONES, the 32 year old playwright poet and social critic, disrupted a court hearing in Morristown, N. J., when he refused to be judged by white men. Court officials dragged Jones, handcuffed, from the courtroom after he started to walk away from the defendant's table.

The brother who is the author of "THE DUTCHMAN" and "THE TOILET" told Essex County Judge Leon Kapp: "This is not a court of justice and you are not qualified to try this case. I will not be judged by you or 100 whitepeople They are not my peers They are my oppressors. I will not be judged by this Kangaroo Court; I'm leaving!" Jones was in court facing charges which stemmed from the Newark revolt. The trial was switched to Morristown after it was shown that Jones could not get a fair trial in Newark.

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EDITORIALS

"TO INFORM AND INVOLVE"

WHERE IS THE BLACK FATHER? WHERE IS THE BLACK MAN????

Oscar W. Baker, a Bay City attorney said the Saginaw Rotary Club, in his "Impressions of a Revolution", "the worst thing you can do to a human being is, not to kill him, but to let him live and scar or injure his personality so he fails to become all he can become and he hates himself".

The Black man was a slave in this country for nearly 250 years, during which time the white slave owner used a brutal and terrifying kind of "genocide" against him. They didn't try to wipe him out physically, as Hitler did the Jews, because as Mr. Baker stated, then it would have been all over(and he was a much too valuable chattel for that) Instead, being the inhuman brutes that they were, they let the African slaves live and tryed to kill his desire, his knowledge of himself, his people, his past and his ambition. The once noble and proud African was dehumanized and turned into an animal, a beast of burden. The slave owner traded and sold the Blacks in a manner designed to destroy the family. Brothers were separated from brother. husband separated from wife. Sometimes because it was usually economical and convenient, young children were usually left with the mother or another black woman was given the responsibility of looking after those children who had been separated from their mother. As a result the woman was projected as the dominant figure in what was left of the slaves family life.

Handed down from great grandmother to grandmother to mother, this heritage of matriarchy is still evident to a great degree in the culture of Black America today. In this present age, it is one of the most destructive forces in the life of the Black family confined to the ghettos of this country. Statistics show that up to 44% of our families report no father living in the home. The male children in these families grow up without a father image to emulate. In some cases these children are never close to an adult male until they reach high school. In the fatherless home they often never hear anything but degrading remarks about the man who fathered them. Growing up in these conditions he has no male image with which to identify, so when he reaches high school, having nothing to motivate him he usually drops out. If he marrys, his wife usually goes to work and often she makes more money than he does, which adds to his feelings of inferiority. Sooner or later he'll probably leave his family, starting again the cycle that perpetuates matriarchy. If the Black man in this country is ever going to take his place along side the other people of the world(and he will), we must first face this problem squarely and go about whatever is necessary to correct it. Our Black male children must have strong Black male adults with whom they can identify. We must go about mending the structure of the Black family into the strong unit that it once was, before the white man destroyed it. The young Black child must have more contact with the male image in his primary years. More black male principals and teachers would help immensely here, our sons must be motivated to obtain all the education available to them, even if we parents are forced to make extra sacrifices. We should start programs that would enable well trained and dedicated men to work with the child from the fatherless home. The Black male must again assume his place at the HEAD of the BLACK FAMILY. Every home deserves a father and we must do all we can to help him stay there.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!

The City of Saginaw has falsely charged 41 of our Black Brothers and Sisters of riotous and disorderly conduct. These charges stem from the incident of last July in which police corraled them all into a house at 6th and Lapeer and then fired blindly into the sides of the house, giving no regard to the fact that a mother and her nine children and other women were within the walls of their home at the time.

After a very thorough search failed to turn up a weapon, among the victims, the wounded were separated from the unwounded who were then carted off to jail to face further persecution at the hands of the blood-thirsty police.

We were successful in getting them released on bail, but at present we have not been able to obtain lawyers to represent all of them.

We need your help now. We cannot let the man get away with such violent and flagrant abuse of our lives and rights as human beings.

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"Be as proud of your race today as our Fathers were yesterday. We have a beautiful history and we will create another in the future that will astonish the world."
Marcus Garvey

SON OF MINE

My son, your troubled
eyes search mine,
Puzzled and hurt by
colour line.
Your black skin soft
as velvet shine;
What can I tell you,
son of mine ?
I could tell you of
heartbreak, hatred
blind,
I could tell of crimes
that shame mankind,
Of brutal wrong and
deeds malign,
Of rape and murder,
son of mine;
But I'll tell instead of
brave and fine
When lives of black
and white entwine,
And black men in
brotherhood and unity
combine---
This would I tell you,
son of mine.

ENSLAVED

Oh when I think of my
long suffering race,
For weary centuries
despised, oppressed,
Enslaved and lynched,
denied a human place
In the great life line
of the Christian west;
And in the Black land
disinherited,
Robbed in the ancient
country of its birth,
My heart grows sick
with hate, becomes as
lead,
For this my race that
has no home on earth.
Then from the dark
depths of my soul I
cry to the avenging
angel to consume the
white mans world of
wonders utterly;
Let it be swallowed up
in earth's vast womb,
Or upward roll as
sacrificial smoke
To liberate my people
from it's yoke!

Claude McKay

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The Afro-Herald in an effort to show that "BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL" is sponsoring a Beauty Contest between the beautiful young ladies who were featured as AFRO BEAUTIES OF THE WEEK.

Members of the Afro Staff and their families are not eligible.

You may vote for only one by recording her name or number on a card or letter and addressing it to:

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The winner will be announced in future publications.

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Down Front

This section is for the sound of soul in anyway as long as it is printable, readable and for the interest and information of our community.

THAT SLAVERY SOFTNESS HAS GOT TO GO.
By: Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr.

We must be willing to accept the implications of this position. We have SO-CALLED leaders who disappear or have nothing to SAY when a crucial issue faces the BLACK community. We must have one answer for this disappearing act. When ELECTION time comes around, these SO-Called leaders must be put out to pasture.

This is more difficult than you imagine. When ELECTION time comes, a lot of us will hesitate. People will argue that it is better to have a WEAK Black man in office than to risk no Black man in office.

They will say he is still some help just because he is BLACK. This is NOT true. If a Black politian does not recognize his accountability to the BLACK community, then he is WORSE than nothing. It would be better to have someone in office whom we can recognize as an ENEMY than to have an Enemy in office who appears to be our FRIEND. Legislators, judges, COUNCILMEN, congressmen, every BLACK man who holds a political office must take orders from US. The moment he begins to think that HIS job is bigger than we are, there is nothing for us to do but take him OUT.

We intend to DEMAND that EVERYBODY who works in the Black Community recognize his ACCOUNTABILITY to US.

THE GHETTO'S GROAN

I remember seeing
your smiling faces
frequently.
Your shining black
faces and gleaming
white teeth,
Riding or residing in
the Ghetto's HUNGER,
DEATH, and HEAT.

BOOK REVIEW

The Hill, *by Howard Fast.* In this original screen play based on the account of Christ's passion in St. Mark's gospel, the modern Calvary is Harlem's Mount Morris Park and Josue (Jesus) is delivered in a squad car to the steel-and-glass offices of Pontius Pilate. Fast says: "The word Negro never appears in the screenplay; it does not have to, for the play is thought of in terms of the population that lives in the area around the Hill, the heart of the Negro ghetto in Harlem—and so, dealing in symbols of the life there, it would be played by a Negro cast quite naturally." Doubleday & Company, Inc. $3.50.

Faces of Africa, *by Dr. Thomas Patrick Melady.* This book, says the author, is primarily for those who are aware of the vast changes in the African scene but who are not specialists in African affairs. State by state, region by region, he offers incisive portraits of the land, the people, the historical setting, religion, government, politics, economics, education, etc. Biographical notes and photographs of African leaders follow the main text. The Macmillan Company. $7.50.

The Negro Protest: *James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King talk with Kenneth B. Clark.* The vivid conversations in this book were conducted by Dr. Kenneth Clark, the noted psychologist, for National Educational Television. For this book, Dr. Clark has written a brief commentary on the interviews and the men he talked to. Beacon Press. $2.50.

Sprung: The Release of Willie Calloway, *by Ken McCormick.* In 1945 a young, inarticulate Negro named Willie Calloway was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. Eight years later the warden of Jackson prison told Ken McCormick of the Detroit Free Press that he believed Calloway was innocent. McCormick was skeptical. Yet the more he considered the warden's request that he arouse public opinion for a retrial, the more he was inclined to dig for a story. His book is based on the articles for the Free Press which helped secure Calloway's release. St. Martin's Press Inc. $4.95.

POINTS TO PONDER

After witnessing the emergence of BLACK POWER in elections in Gary, and Cleveland it would seem that Black People of Saginaw should take Heed and Organize that voting power that exists in the Black Community. We can determine the caliber of representation in City Gov't.

!!HERE THEY GO AGAIN; City Manager Pothoff received the Councils approval Monday Nite on a request to authorize another study of Saginaw's proposed Model Neighborhood (Thats what they're calling the "GHETTO" nowadays). Black People of Saginaw must be way out in front as the most scrutinized, most analyzed, most surveyed and generally the most investigated people in the world. "EVERYBODYS GOT A PROGRAM, BUT NOTHIN'EVER HAPPENS."

There's trouble brewing in BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, seems that Local High School Officials have incensed Black Parents by demoting Black Cheerleaders to substitute roles for so-called LACK OF RHYTHMN!!- Can you imagine Black People without SOUL OR RHYTHMN-HELL, WE STARTED IT!!

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COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Soul Brother, JOHN HINTON is shown here complaining about the weather to lovely KAY WYMAN, of Channel 25-TV weather fame during recent SHS "Class of 57"reunion.

Black Brothers and Sisters leave Municipal Court after trial hearings of police riot victims This display of BLACK UNITY hampers would-be"Kangaroo Court Justice" in Saginaw.

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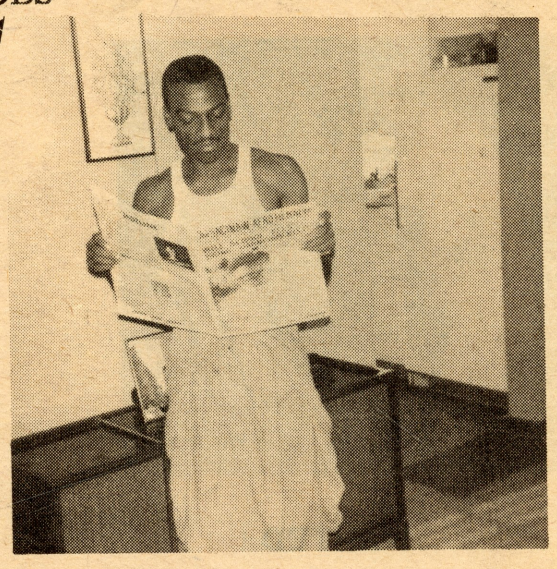

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Church News

By: Brother
Dave Beatty

A MUSICAL REVIVAL will be presented Nov. 19, 1967 at 3:30 p. m. by the Senior Usher Bd. of Truevine Baptist Church, 2930 Janes. Featured on program will be the "SONS & DAUGHTERS OF Truth," and the "FOUR&TWENTY ELDERS" ffom Flint.

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BEATTY TABERNACLE is yet sponsoring their "Building Block Drive". Keep the size 8x16 blocks coming, because they will be used in the construction of their new church edifice at So. 17th&Burt Sts. Call: 753-8961 or 752-3516 for pick-up or information.

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The RINGLEADERS are pictured here rehearsing. Left to Right- Brent Anderson, Van Lane, Edgar Donahue, and Willie Hawkins on Piano.

TENNESSEE'S (nothing but soul) HOTLINE
BY: BILL BETTIS

The PLEASURES are Ronald Williams, and Chester Carter.

The Afro-Herald takes pleasure in introducing two of Saginaw's up and coming vocal groups: The "RINGLEADERS and the "PLEASURES". Both of these groups are striving to make their mark in the entertainment world.

The RINGLEADERS, who are presently cutting sides for the ONE-DER-FUL Recording Co. of Chicago, Ill., have one hit which is their own original, "LET'S START OVER".

They have been singing together 3 years.

The PLEASURES have been singing together for one year and have done shows in Detroit, Flint, and Chicago.

Both of these groups are preparing for extensive road trips and are accepting bookings now for shows here in Saginaw.

For information on booking these dynamic groups call:

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SOCIAL NEWS

By: Helen D. Smith

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